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THE ACCOUNT AT LOUISVILLE.

An Additional Accident on the Same Bridge Later. Louisville, Ky., December 27.—Reports

of Superintendent of Transportation George

Evans, of the Louisville and Nashville rail-

way, indicate that the fatalities in today's

disaster near Birmingham, Ala., will num

ber at least twenty-two. Of the total num-

ber of persons, crew and passengers, on the

train, but seven escaped, and the number of

knows just exactly how many there were

The train was a small local passenger.

which, starting from Birmingham at 7 a.

m., runs to a point near Gurney, then goes

over a connecting link of track controlled

by the Southern railway, and known as

the Brierfield, Biocton and Birmingham

road. The train returns to the Louisville

and Nashville tracks at Blocton, and makes

the return trip to Birmingham, after a cir-

cuit through numerous mining towns "

Between Gurney and Blocton the tracks cross the Cahaba river, an unimportant

stream which, except in time of beavy

rains, is quite shallow. The bridge was

about 90 feet high, with a 200 foot span in

feet long. Into the bed of the Cahaba the

unformate passengers and crew plunged

That anyone escaped with life is little short

of miraculous. Almost immediately the train, which consisted of an engine, com-

is due to the fact that the crash was heard

by the telegraph operator at Hargrove,

three miles from the river. He reported

half an hour fater the news that a train

had gone down was carried to Blocton, six

A relief train bearing all the physicians

d Blocton and about fifty citizens was

made up hurriedly and sent to the scene of

the wreck, closely followed by others from

There is nothing in the reports to the

eneral offices here upon which to base a

Louisville and Nashville officers are espe-

tally careful in discussing this point, as

the disaster occurred on the tracks of the

outhern railway, they say, and the com-

plications likely to result will no doubt

prompt a very rigid investigation. The last

report from the company's physician was

that the known dead numbered twenty-two.

Not a member of the train's craw lives to

tell the story of the accident, if, indeed,

anyone on the train was aware of danger

entil the train was launched into the air.

The seven persons who escaped death are

adly injured. They include one family.

onsisting of a man, wife and two chil

lren. They were put on one of the re-

lief trains, after receiving medical atten-

On the approaches or the same bridge this fternoon another fatal accident occurred.

bridge expenter was killed and several

more injured by a collision between an en-

The Report at New Orleans.

wrecks that has ever taken place in this

state occurred at 8:30 this morning on the

Birmingham Mineral road, a loop road that extends all over this section, taking in the mines and furnaces. The wreck occur-red at what is known as the Calaba bridge,

victims burned to death.

The scene at the wreck presented a most heari-rending and sickening spectacle. The cars were smashed to splinters on the rocks, futly 190 feet below the track from which the train had been hurled. The grouns of the injured and lamentations of those who crowded around were pitiable in the extreme. Physicians from Birmingham and the adjacent villages were sent to the wreck and rendered effective service in endeavoring to alleviate the suffering of those who escaped.

easion an interesting programme has been arranged.

gine and one of the wrecking trains sent

that place at 6 o'clock this evening.

miles, by a man who also heard the noise.

on the train.

that region.

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all day and night riding. Teddy Hale who was the New York race, is schelule, to start.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Business Houses.

Windsor hotel, four saloons, two clothing

toron, three restaurants, one grocery

shops two livery stables and two barker shops composing a large portion of the busiless section of this town, were described today by fire. Damage is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by in-

sight. The entire third story with con-

ents was burned and the first and second

Marshall, Texas, December 26 .- A two.

ory brick residence on West Austin

naurance on building is \$2000 on the

Railroad Shops.

New York, December 27 .- Fire today de-

dence of George Hill burned last night.

Insurance on furniture \$1000 to firemant fund; \$1200 on dwelling in the St. Paul.

Rockland, last evening, Walter Thomas was

shot through the thigh. Physicians have

Colmesneit, Texas, December

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WHITAKER, TRAVIS STREET.

TODAY'S FORECAST.

Meh.—W. J. Bryan will be by at the tampard to be tell-somer by the local Traveling ille cine. I be expected Mr. eat of Mr. Cleveland's mes-ing with the financial ques-

shot through the thigh.

INGTON A six day bleyele race
to here today. Instead of richar
as in New York, the med
only eight hours a day. This
tends to the proclass made at
with Gilford Jackson, under arrest charged
with Gilford Jackson, under arrest charged
with the shooting.

INTERNATIONAL ROUTE." & G. N. FAST MAIL" TRAIN, TO THE NORTH AND EAS

TODAY'S FEATURES.

Cuba. 'Company of Texan filibusters wiped out dead of fillbusters

cuba is looking for recruits in Alabama. Secretary Olney gives his views on fili-

Domestic. Train dashes through a bridge near Birmingham, Ala., killing between twenty-five and thirty pensons. The wrack took fire and burnet the victims beyond recogittion. The disaster was caused by train

The ways and means committee will ommence work on the new tartif bill to.

day.

The Confederate Memorial association takes steps to raise a fund for the erection of a memorial institute.

McKinley will wear a suit of American wool on the day of his manguration.

Banker commits suicide on account of financial wreck brought on by the facture of the National Teark of Hillnoop.

The Princeton raise sharf exclusion less. The Princeton mine shaft explosion less

erious than previously reported. Six per some were it lied and another to missing.

Last obsecuties of Kate Field. Tribute from all over the country. Hank of Minnesota to be reorganized.

The Atlas National Bank of Chicago will hundred and go out of business.

Foreign. General Merchith Road, a well known liplomat, an ex-minister to Greece, their

of Translat. The Taunt reliefs were completely routed M. Paul Doumer was appointed governor

Professor First Heinrich Dubola-Rey-

Extensive famine reported to be prevail-

ng in China on account of floods.

Yokohama merchants ask the Japaners percrament for charters for new steam-

State.
Rollins & Young of Abilleto assign, Lis-dilities En,eg. assets, En.cot.
Addition General Matery's report shows decrease in the number of militamen. Safe in the Aransaa Pass depot at Eagh Lake burghirized.

Con Gravis frowned at Corpus Christi, Wortham hotel at Waco damaged by

fire. Eld Eastley of Lampasas files a deed or

The Markets.

and India.
Prices in London for American securities desed a little higher than at the begin

Local. Eather Honnessy's sermon in answer

Rev. J. C. Muson. The battle abbey of the South.

or, Justice Hill holds a couple of inquests. Arrest of four of the Comstock train obtiers. John Lyons offers to put up \$1000 for

John Lyons offers to put up 1000 for Bunfalo bayou improvement.

A young man arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses.

The Unicewood et all morder trial set for today in the crimmal court.

Arrested while at church on a charge of beath of Mrs. L. J. Turner.

A man jumps from the San Jacinto street bridge. Another ex-circus elown is converted, Christmas tree celebrations by the German Singing societies,

Chicago Failure Chicago, December 27. Suffering from depression caused by financial reverse otto Wasmansdorff, a well known banker brain and died almost instantly

heard the report of the revolver and rush, ed upstars. Running into the room, the horrified sons beheld their father lying on the bed dying, a revolver lying at his side. He had shot himself in the right temple and a thin stream of blood was flowing down his cheek. Everything in the room was in perfect order. The deed apparently had been deliberately planned. Mr. Wasmansdorff was a member of the private banking firm of Wasmansdorff & Heinnemann, which failed a week ago as a result of the failure of the National Bank of Hilmois. The failure of his bank had a cruming effect on Mr. Wasmansdorff and seriously effected his wire who is Hl. The banker for several days was mable to eat or sle p. The criticism of unfortunate depositors worried him and he was in a constantly troubled state of troyed the repair shops of the Brooklyn story frame building used by Welz & Zer, wicks, brewers, as a storage house in Brooklyn. Loss \$95,000; covered by insur-

This morning the banker, appeared brighter and less troubled in mind than upon any other day since the finsocial crash that ruined him. After he had break.

minutes later the fatal shot was heard by the two sons. The young men were overcome with grief and said they never had the slightest auspicion that their father contemplated such an set. Mrs. Wasmans. dorff was prestrated by the shock.

At the time of the failure the assets of Mr. Wasmansforff's bank were given at \$550,000 and the liabilities at \$415,000. Mr. Wasmansdorff had been a banker in this city for more than a quarter of a century and during that time he was a member of the firm which went down in the crash last Monday. He was a retiring and unobtrusive man and was known in the business community as a conservative and honest man. He was about he years

Stone, colored, charged with killing Special Officer McDuff, colored, Christmas night was arrested today near Grand Prairie, eighteen miles from here, and is in the county jail.

IT TOOK A HORRIBLE PLUNGE.

o a man after a herote fight.

The crew of the Three Friends find hemselves in the position of pirates ina High Bridge.

Senator Chandler attacks the position held by President Cleveland. Views held by Spanish officials concerning the relations of the United States and FELL NINETY FEET INTO THE RIVER BELOW.

Cars Pilled With Living Preight Were Piled Upon Each Other -- The Wreck Took Pire and the Victims Were Cremated -- The Work of Train Wreckers Who Robbed Their Victims and Fied.

Memphis, Tenn., December 27 .- A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Bir-

Flends in human form wrecked the Birmingham Mineral branch passenger train. No. 40, at Cahaba river bridge, twenty-seven miles from here, at 7:50 this morning and twenty-five lives were lost. That number of bodies have been recovered from the wreck and further search may swell the list of dead. The wreck, it is regarded as almost certain, was accomplished by the removal of a rail in middle span of the treatle. This derailed the train, which caused it to fall down between the two spans and precipitate it into the river below. The wreck was the worst that ever occurred in the State, and the survivors are so few and so badly burt that they are unable to give any detailed description of how it all happened. It is not known and may never be known as certain just how many passengers were on the train. Most of them were miners and residents of mining towns in this district, who had round-trip holiday tickers and were returning to their homes along the line of the Mineral road. Conductor A. P. Connell, who probably knew better than anybody else as to how many passengers were aboard. Is dead. It is thought, however, that there were not exceeding twenty-five or thirty. But one passenger purchased a ticket at Birmingham.

The ill-fated train was a local passenger which left here at 6:30 and was scheduled to make a circuit on the Birmingham Mineral branch which is a branch line of the Louisville and Nashville, reaching all the mining is in the district. The train consisted of a bangage car and two ceaches and the cast of a m. and went to Taccon on the main line of the Louisville and Nash a. There it switched went to Taccon on the teals line of the went to Gurney of the Birminghas Mineral track and went to Gurney I id. Blocton and Birminghas Mineral track and went to Gurney I Id. Blocton and Birminghas mingham branch under a contract agreement.

Six miles south of Gurner is the Cababa river, a st mountain stream which has a depth at this time of only three or four r . Phis river is spanned by an iron bridge with wooden treatles on each side. I we ire length is 800 feet and the length of the main span, where the wreck of 1 i. is 110 feet. The tridge was built only four years ago and was regarded to very strong structure.

The main span and the span just beyond it are both 9-12 and gave way precipitating the entire train into the river. The engine lau it is able almost at right angles with the track. The ears piled upon each owner through the main span. The entire wreck took fire soon afterwards and was rapidly burned to the water's edge. Nine persons alone escapel slive from all who went down, and of this number several will probably die.

The first news of the wreck was brought to Hargrove, a telegraph station, four miles from the Cahaba river by a farmer, who said that while passing that place that he heard a crash; going nearer, he saw the two spans of the bridge broken. He then discovered the burning wreckage in the shallow water below. He could hear grouns of the wounded and dying, but without waiting to see Curther he rede rapidly to Hargrove, where the operator telegraphed to Birmingham scene to repiler what sid they could, but it was too late to do much. Nine persons had gotten out and the others had been burned up in the wreckage. When the relief train arrived from Birmingham there was little need for the physicians that had gone slong. The wounded were quickly attended to and then sent to Blocton for further attention. The work of getting out the dead was then commenced. Nothing was left of the wreckage but the smoldering remains which had burned to the water's edge. Charred corpses were packed in between the iron framework where the sears had been. Most of the bodies had been burned beyond recognition. Some had their heads burned off and of others nothing was left but the more skeleton. As rapidly as possible the remains were taken out and

At 4 o'clock twenty bodies had been found and no more were in sight. It is possible, however, that there are still others under the wreck and also that some may be hidden by the water.

He was the colored fireman. He jumped from the engine while it was in mid-air and landed in the water some distance from where the engine fell. His only injury was a broken arm. He left the scene for Blocton on foot almost immediately after the wreck apparently crazed with fright. The railroad officials have not yet been able to see him and get a statement. Of the eight other survivors three were children, all of whom had their feet burned and mashed, and a lady, who had both fest crushed. Their names have not yet been learned. The other three were Henry Randbury, a conductor from Birgingham, who was taking his wife and children out for a ride around the circuit, and William Gardner and Andrew Bryson, miners, from Blacton. Handbury was in the same scatwith his wife and children when the crash came. The latter three were killed and he was planted down and would have been burned affive had be not been rescued by Bryson and Gardner. These two men also saved the unknown weman and three children, who were likewise pinned down and appealing piteously for help, but they, by the time they had rescued those five permake it impossible to get near them. It is thought that fully three-fourths of the dead were killed cutright in the crash, while the other five persons who were were both badly hurt, and Handbury will probably die. The flames had completed the work of destruction before any help strived. The country around the scene of went to the scene arrived too late to be of any assistance except to the survivors.

Dr. Ray, a Blocton physician, who attended Gardner, one of the survivors, tele Cardner mays when he felt the cars leave the track he looked out and saw thre sayano-looking men rushing from a biding place down toward the water's edge wounded, and then fled to the woods. They did their work quickly and offered no assintance whatever in any way. This story, however, has not yet been corroboversed it before going down, indicating that he saw danger ahead as he approached along the ties and then, with a crash, plunged through the bridge. Expert engin train and caused it to pull the bridge down. The cross ties show marks of the wheels. To add to this is the fact that three men tried to wreck a Southern railway from a treatle ninety feet high. The fast express left the track, but the engineer, by superhuman effort, managed to stop it before it tore down the treatle. This wa from the place and a crowbar with which the spikes had been drawn was found. The ecenes of both accidents are in a wild mountainous country.

aitroad officials furnish the following list of dead at a late hour tonight

FRANK WHITE, engineer, Birmingham. A. P. CONNELL, conductor, Birming-GEORGE CARNEY, flagman, Birming-

BRUCE PHILLAPS, Blocton MRS. HENRY HANDBURY and two

L. W. MARTIN, Brookwood. R. H. BLOUNT, colored minister, Bir-MISS IDA POWERS

MISS IDA POWERS
D. J. POWERS
MRS. EMMA POWERS and two children.
MRS. R. LITTLE.
MR. GARDNER.
MRS. GARDNER.
MISS GARDNER, all of Blocton.
This means a total of twenty-one killed.
One body unidentified, supposed to be

Henry Handbury of Birmingham, seri-maly, E. Eckels, of Heleon slightly: Will Gardner, Blocton, slightly: Sam Stewart of Birmingham, with health with broken

Gardner, Bloeton, alightly: Sam Stewart of Birmingham, evicera aromate, arts broken Andrew Bryson, Bloeton, badly hurt, will die: Miss Booth, of Bloeton, slightly, Mrs. Walker and three children, Bloeton, slightly bruised.

The relief train from the scene of the wreek returned at 9 o'clock tonight and brought in ten bodies. The other corpses were left at Bloeton, and one at Brookwood, where the deceased resides. Nearly all of the bodies were horribly burned. Taey were, in fact, charred in many cases beyond recognition, and were identified by means of particles of clothing still dinsing to them, or by jowelry, One man, R. Webb, was identified by his watch.

Baptens Messenger Bolling's charred corpse was identified by fragments of everalis which still clung to his legs. The conductor and flagman were identified by their caps.

Memphis, Tenn., December 27.—A measage received from the scene of the disaster near Birmingham says:

A serious wreck occurred near Cahaba

OUR STOCK.

HAMILTON BROS.

PERISHED TO A MAN.

river bridge at 1 o'clock this afternoon. A wrecking train which had gone to relieve the ill-fated passenger train, was standing on the line when it was run into by a construction train from Birmingham which was on its way to the bridge. Jim Estimes was fatally crushed and several workmen more or less hurt. Pifteen Texas Sharpshooters Battled Heroically for Pive Hours

KILLING DOUBLE THEIR OWN NUMBER.

They Contended Against Vastly Superior Spanish Porces.

SHOUTING FOR CUBA LIBRE.

Pirates Instead of Pilibusters. Olney on Filibustering.

New York, December 28 .- A special to the World from Key West, Fig., says:

The Lone Star company of the patriot army of West Cuba, consisting of fifteen Texas sharpshooters, perished to a man after heroically battling more than five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more. Havana officials are jubilant. the middle and approaches several hundred

Passengers arriving here, says of the news of the victory: A Cuban boad was observed near Pinar del Rio Thursday squadrons of cavalry to attack it. After coaches, took fire, increasing the horror of a running fight the band, which proved the calamity. That any lives were saved to be conveyed of fifteen. Toyate, to be composed of fifteen Texaus, was chased into a "bottle," a bit of hummock this to the train dispatcher at \$:15, and ing they were in a hole retreated to the further end and fortified themselves hastlly behind some big boulders. The Spanish troopers dismounted and surrounded them pouring in a fire from all sides. The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By that four wounded while twenty-five Spanish heory as to the cause of the accident. The had bitten the dust and ten or more were

A flag of truce was sent in by the Spanish and the Texans were called on to aurrender, but the Americans refused with one accord to lay down their arms, shout-

"We remember Macco!"

This infurtated the Spaniards and they fought with renewed fierceness. Twice they charged, but the rapid firing of the brave little band drove them back.

By getting on a high ridge behind the Texans' position the Spantards were enabled to pour in a fire that killed all but two of those left. These two gallantly continued to fight and held off the enemy an hour longer. Then, overcome by loss of blood, resulting from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spaniards, who finally dashed up as the Texans fell, exhausted, feebly crying:

"Viva Cuba libre."

New Orleans, La., December 27.- A spe- Looking for Recruits in Alabams. cial from Birmingham to the Daily Rem Birmingham, Ala., December 27.-Two ham getting the names of probable recruits ham getting the names of probable recruits for service for the patriots. Their work was done very quietly. They left yesterday for New York, where it is said they will complete arrangements with the Cuban junts for shipping several companies made up of Alabama miners. The utmost secrecy has been preserved, and absolute silence has been insisted upon. Still it has leaked out on good authority that an active agent in working up Cuban enthusiasm and prospective recruits is Dr. G. B. red at what is known as the Cakaba brifac, about fifty miles from Birmingham, between Guerney and Blocton. The bridge is 1000 feet long and 90 to 500 feet high. The train jumped the track from some cause taknown and plunged off the trestle to the rocks below. As to the number of passengers on board the reports conflict, but the best obtainable information places the number at thirty to thirty-five. Seven were taken out alive, but in a dying condition. The week caught fire and many victims burned to death.

The scene at the wreck presented a most active agent in working up Cuban enthusi-asm and prospective recruits is Dr. G. B., Crowe of Birmingham, late populist nomi-nee for congress. Dr. Crowe was an active populist leader in the last two campaigns and is the man who offered to lead an army to Montgomery to seat Captain R. F. Kelb, defeated populist candidate for governor, two years are. Only single men have been approached to enlist.

Looking for His Brother. San Francisco, December 27 .- F. H.

rocks, fully 100 feet below the track from which the train had been huried. The grosms of the injured and lamentations of those who crowded around were pittable in the extreme. Physicians from Birmingham and the adjacent villages were sent to the wreek and rendered effective scrutce in endeavoring to alleviate the suffering of those who escaped.

Orange's New Pastor.

Orange Texas, December 27.—Rev. I. T. Stafford, the new pastor of the Methodist church at this place, recently appointed by the East Texas conference at Marshall, arrived last night and preached his first sermon here today. He was greeted by a congregation that filled the large church and preached an interesting and entertaining sermon that made a favorable impression upon his hearers. Mr. Stafford is a transfer from New York and comes to Orange highly recommended as a man of more than ordinary ability.

The Epworth league will hold a special literary and social meeting at the Methodist church Tuesday night, for which occasion as interesting programme has been arranged.

San Francisco, December 27.—F. H. Lord has arrived here in search of his forther. C. H. Lord, a Minneapolis millionaire, who disappeared from the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the Palace hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the hotel several days ago. He called at potential for the hotel several days ago. He Lord has arrived here in search of his

were held at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Boyce Pickett Todd. A large rumber of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

